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G.O. No. 4202

Dated 28-8-67

[Despatch Abstract.]

Forests - Timber - Export outside Province - Control - Papers
Recorded.

Copy of Ref.No.3775/47-E, dated 17-6-1947 from the
Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras to the Secretary to
Government, Development Department, Madras.

Sub: Forests - Timber - Control of - Movement.
Ref: Govt. Development Department G.O.No.Ms.981, dt. 7-3-47.

A statement showing the quantity of timber exported from the various ports on the west coast, outside the province during the period from 1-9-46 to 31-3-47 is enclosed for favour of information. The country craft season is closed at the end of April and will reppen only at the end of September 1947. Prices of logs appear to have fallen by about 25% since the closure of the country craft season. There appears to be no immediate necessity for controlling exports of timber till 30th September, 1947,

Sd. x x/for Chief Conservator
of Forests.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE QUANTITIES OF TIMBER EXPORTED FROM VARIOUS
PORTS ON THE WEST COAST.

Quantity in tons exported during the months of								
Name of Port.	September 1946	October 1946	November 1946	December 1946	January 1947	February 1947	March 1947	Remarks.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
Kallai	Mangowood planks & J.W.logs 189 tons.	Mango planks & J.W. logs 144 tons.	Nil	Mango planks 78½ tons.	Mango planks & J.W.logs 136 tons.	Mango planks 22 tons.	nil	
Ponnani	nil	nil	nil	nil	J.W.Planks & scantlings 16 tons.	nil	nil	
Badagara	nil	nil	nil	nil	Mango planks & J.W.scantlings 59 tons.	J.W. Reepers & Planks 150 tons.	I.W. & J.W. scantlings 107 tons.	
Cananore	nil	nil	H.W.Reepers 2½ tons.	nil	nil	nil	nil	
Azhikkal	nil*	3356* tons.	1184* tons.	2110* tons.	1969* tons.	1647 tons.	2562 tons.	*species not known
Mangalore	109 tons.	685 tons.	571 tons.	560 tons.	872 tons.	631 tons.	Nil	
Bairdur	nil	nil	nil	nil	J.W.logs 36 tons.	nil	J.W. & Ventak logs 65 tons.	
Hungarkatta	nil	129.23 tons.	60 tons.	149 tons.	100 tons.	152 tons.	131 tons.	@Out of this 87 tons are match logs.
M lki	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	
Coondapur	nil	98.25 tons.	133.06 tons.	147.46 tons.	92.48 tons.	19.22 tons.	519.22 tons.	
Tellicherry	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	1675 tons.	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	This is the total quantity exported during the period 1-9-46 to 31-3-47.
Malpe	nil	nil	nil	nil	121 tons.	nil	140 tons.	
Calicut	35 tons.	4203 tons.	2773 tons.	4685 tons.	5634 tons.	4956 tons.	4334 "	

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2. According to Cooperative Housing Scheme some 11000 tons of round timber are required for the first year of which the Madras Forest Department has been requested to reserve 7000 tons vide Development Department Memo No.47465-B.II/47-4, dated 9-7-47. There is therefore a deficit of only 4000 tons to be made up and it is submitted that this quantity can be better obtained by purchase or requisition than by subjecting the West Coast timber trade to the evils of control. I have had a long experience of the working of such controls during the war with low-paid temporary staff, and do not recommend the reimposition of such controls save in the gravest emergency. Moreover in Government Development Department Memorandum No. 64314/C/46-8, dated 9-12-46 communicated in your Mis.No.365/46 dated 25-12-46 it has been specifically stated that the Provincial Government have no power to regulate the export of timber from the Province to other Provinces or foreign countries. It is not known whether the position has altered since or will be altered under the new conditions which will prevail from 15-8-1947 onwards.

3. It is submitted that if powers for requisitioning and acquisition under Section 4 of the Madras Act XIV of 1946 were delegated to the Forest Utilization Officer and powers under section 5 (1) of the same Act for preparing a schedule of prices for acquired timber were delegated to the Chief Conservator of Forests, we could get all the timber required for essential purposes without subjecting the timber trade to the concomitant evils of export trade control. The extra staff necessary would be:-

Kallai or Calicut	(1) - Gazetted Officer, (1) lower division clerk with typist qualifications. (2) Peons.
Rajahmundry ..	(1) Range Officer (1) lower division clerk with typist qualifications. (1) Peon.

In view of the responsible nature of their duties it is suggested that the Gazetted Officer at Kallai be given a special pay of Rs.100/- per month. The Range Officer at Rajahmundry a special pay of Rs.30/- per month and the two clerks special pays of Rs.15/- per month. Some incidental expenditure for leasing suitable depot sites and employing depot staff for storage and issue of requisitioned timber will also be necessary. The cost of the extra staff etc., can be made up by levy of a suitable centage on the consumers of requisitioned timber.

/True copy/ Sd. x x/for Chief Conservator of Forests

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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G.O.Ms.No.4202, Development Department, dated 28-8-1947.

READ:- G.O.No.981(Ms), Development, dated 7-3-1947.

From the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ref.No.3775/47-E
dated 17-6-1947 and 1-8-1947.
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ORDER:

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2. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to submit a further report on the trend of exports of timber outside this province during the period ending with 31-3-48 and on the need for controlling such exports in the conditions then prevailing.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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To the Chief Conservator of Forests. Secy.to Government.

/True copy/

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